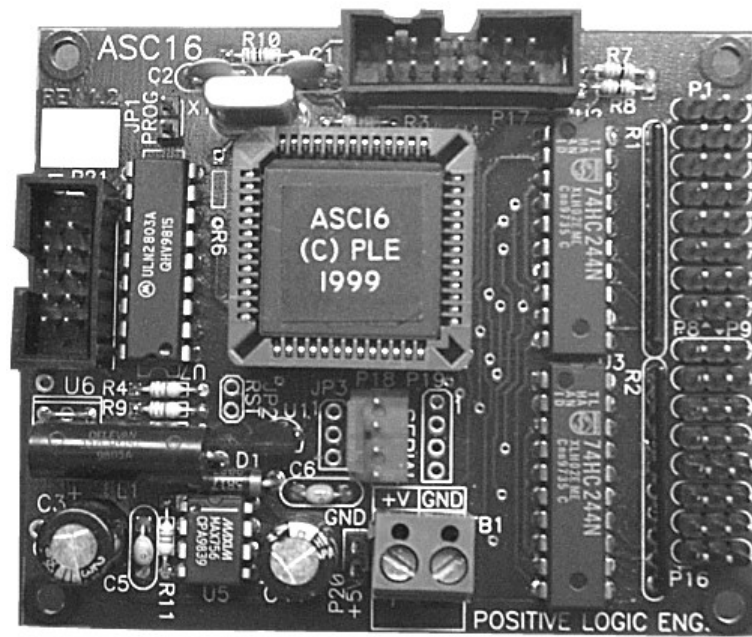


ASC16

Operation Manual

16-Axis Advanced Servo Controller



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1. Introduction

The ASC16 is a servo motion controller that controls R/C type servo motors from a host computers serial port. The ASC16 alleviates the task of precision-profiled motion control and motion synchronizing from your host computer—whether that be a PC, a single board computer, or a microcontroller. Think of it as a motion coprocessor for your system. The ASC16 can receive a long list of tasks downloaded to it by the host computer, perform those tasks independently from the host, and report information to the host as needed. The ASC16 contains many of the advanced features found in industrial motion controllers.

1.1. Key Features

- 4000-count position resolution yields .045-degree resolution for typical 180° Servos
- 256- count speed resolution
- 256-count acceleration resolution
- Input cache can hold up to 128 bytes of commands and data
- Software-selectable-position coordinate polarity allows user to logically invert the direction of servo
- Event triggering commands cause special actions controlled by internal events. An event trigger could be one of the following
 - Servo position flyby
 - Servo motion completion
 - Time delay

The special actions taken based on condition of the triggered events are one, or both, of the following:

- Report to host when condition of trigger is satisfied
- Suspend command processing until condition of trigger is satisfied
- Up to 256 ASC16 modules can be individually enabled
- Motion freezing and aborting
- Servo on/off control
- Read/Write Digital I/O ports
- Read 8-channel Analog port
- Saving and loading position, speed, acceleration and coordinate polarity defaults to nonvolatile EEPROM memory. Power-up reset will autoloading defaults
- Uses RS-232(TTL) serial communications to receive commands and transmit reports
- Code markers to report command execution position or multipurpose identification
- Query actual position or speed for verification or to aid in synchronizing a multitask scheme
- A Windows-based motion scripting and download tool with visual interface
- 34 commands
- Transmitted commands are numeric (binary) codes and not mnemonic (ASCII) codes, which increases command throughput
- Built-in switching regulator and board layout features can handle multiple power source solutions

1.2. Getting Started

A good first step is to test the ASC16 using the auto-test feature. This test will determine if the board is operating properly. To test the serial communications function the auto-test function sends out data periodically from its serial port. Sending the ASC16 a Terminate instruction will determine if the ASC16 is receiving properly too. For this test it would be a good idea to connect the ASC16 to a PC serial port so that it can talk to the ASC16 via the SCedit program. Even if you plan to use another controller as a host, the initial connection to a PC is the easiest. Later it will also be useful to use with the SCedit program in facilitating a fast and effective way to test motion script segments.

Here are the steps it takes to get an ASC16 up and running on a PC for the first time.

1. If purchased as a kit, build the ASC16 circuit according to the assembly instruction in Section 4.
2. A level converter is needed to translate standard RS-232 level to TTL level for the ASC16. If you need a level converter, build the one described in Section 3.5, or buy one from Positive Logic Engineering.
3. Connect your RS-232 level converter between your PC and the ASC16 serial port, P18.
4. Install the SCEdit program if you haven't already.
5. Launch the SCEdit program; select your serial port from the Settings Menu.
6. Connect a servo to servo port1 (connector P1). Make sure the pin-out of your servo matches the requirements of the ASC16. Signal on pin 1, +Voltage on pin 2, and ground on pin 3, which is closest to the edge of the board. Consult the hardware section for more information.
7. Place a jumper across the two pins of JP1 on the ASC16.
8. Connect a power source of choice to TB1. A four-cell alkaline or NiCd pack is a good choice for starters. See hardware section for tips about power sources.
9. At this point you should notice your servo moving from one position limit to the other. You should also observe data coming into the input window of the SCEdit program. These actions verify ASC16 operation and serial transmission.
10. By pressing the Terminate button, the SCEdit program sends out the Terminate command. The servo should stop moving and the received data should stop coming. This verifies that the ASC16 is receiving data.

This completes the initial test of the ASC16. Don't forget to remove the jumper across JP1. For going further, see the next section and the "Using SCEdit" Section 6.

1.3. Operation

1.3.1. Sending commands to the ASC16

Commands, and data, are received by the ASC16 from a host computer via an RS-232 (TTL) serial port at connector P18. The RS-232 parameters are 9600 baud 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, and no parity. A level converter which can translate the TTL level signals to true RS-232C voltages is available from Positive Logic Engineering at www.positivelogic.net, or see Section 3.5 of this manual for plans to build this converter yourself. For more details about the ASC16s serial port see Section 3.5.

1.3.2. Processing commands

At a baud rate of 9600, commands will transfer to the ASC16 from the host at a rate of about 1mS per byte. The longest commands would then take 3mS to send to the ASC16. All received commands, and data, are placed in a FIFO cache, know as the command cache. The ASC16 can process commands much faster than the serial transfer rate, so unprocessed commands don't last long in the cache. There are, however, some commands that tell the ASC16 to suspend processing commands until certain conditions are met. In this case, commands and data subsequently received will start stacking up in the command cache. The command cache can hold up to 128 bytes of commands and data. When the conditions of the command that disabled the processing of commands are satisfied, the ASC16 will proceed processing commands in the command cache. Commands that suspend the processing of commands are called trigger commands. Trigger commands are event driven triggers. See the Command Set Section for more details and ideas on how to use these commands.

2. COMMAND SET

The ASC16 has 34 different commands. There are 1-2-and 3-byte commands. The 2nd and 3rd bytes in a multiple byte command string are data bytes.

There are two methods for inserting servo number information into the command strings addressing particular servos.

One method is to offset the command number with the servo number. Take the Move command, for example. There are 16 possible command values for this command, one for each servo number. Using the offset method, numbers 1 through 16 are the Move commands for servo numbers 1 through 16. This method of addressing is applied to the more frequently used commands, and helps increase their throughput.

Including the servo number in the 2nd byte of the command string is the other method for inserting servo number information into the command strings. This method is applied to less frequently used commands. The ASCII version of the command, which requires a servo number, is denoted in the following descriptions with a '\$' character. A number between 1 and 16 is substituted with the '\$' character

Position-value commands are the only 3-byte commands in the command set. These position values require a 2 bytes due to the high 4000-count resolution. The most significant byte (MSB) is sent first, followed by the least significant byte (LSB). Two-byte command data are denoted in the following descriptions with a '##' (two pound characters). Commands with a single byte are denoted with a '#' (single pound character).

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Most of the following descriptions show an example of how the command is used in a motion script. In these examples the mnemonic equivalent of the command is shown in the left hand column, and the equivalent binary or numerical values are shown in the right-handed column. The mnemonic commands can be typed directly into the SCEdit program, and the numeric commands can be put into microcontroller data tables.

ac	(81-96 DEC)	(51-60 HEX)
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Acceleration

Format: ac\$ accel	ac\$ = 81-96 for servo 1 (ac1) to 16 (ac16) accel = 1-255
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Description: This command sets the acceleration rate for a servo. The acceleration rate units are $\frac{1}{4}$ count/20ms² or 625 counts/Sec² or 1/13 Revolutions/sec². That is, that for every unit of acceleration, a servo will increase its speed 625 counts/second every second. I have observed standard servos accelerating at a rate equivalent to an acceleration setting of about 100. High-speed servos accelerate at faster rates. The ASC16 does not know the maximum acceleration of a servo. If you set servo's acceleration higher than its capabilities, the ASC16 will calculate inaccurate servo positions, and cause flyby event triggers to be miscalculated.

A good application for acceleration control is to lessen the forces created by an accelerating robot arm. Newton's Law states that force = mass * acceleration. Abrupt changes in speed (high acceleration) causes a robot arm (mass) to generate forces, which can cause the arm to overshoot; Those forces are also applied to the gears of the servo. Consider that a standard servo can accelerate at a rate of up to 65000 counts/sec² or about 8revolutions/sec². The end of a 6-inch arm would then accelerate at a rate of 24feet/sec². If one G force is 32feet/sec², then 24ft/s² is +/-3/4 G. This means that any weight at the end of that arm, and proportionally any weight on the arm (proportional to distance from center of the arm to the end of the arm), is almost going to *double* during acceleration and/or deceleration.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
tl 2	' set trigger level to suspend processing	119, 2
ac1 5	'set acceleration rate for servo 1 to 5cnts/20mS ²	81, 0, 5
fp1 1000	'set flyby position for servo 1 at 1000	21, 3, 232
mv1 3000	'move servo to new position	1, 11, 184
tp1	'wait here until servo has gotten up to speed	201
ac1 3	'change acceleration (for deceleration) to 3	81, 0, 3

am (250 DEC) (FA HEX)

Abort All Motion

Format: am am = 250

Description: Aborts motion of all servos. The servos will decelerate at the servos full deceleration ability rather than via the ASC16's control.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
am	'stop all servo where they stand	250
rp1	'now tell host at what position they stopped at	116, 1
rp2		116, 2
rp16		116, 16

at (249 DEC) (F9 HEX)

Abort Triggers

Format: at at = 249

Description: Abort all pending event triggers. Only works when the trigger level is set to 1, because if higher-level triggers (2,3) are used, this command won't be seen until after they, (2,3) have been satisfied. For this reason this command is not usually embedding in the command string, rather it is sent by the host as needed, in a control scheme where level 1 triggers are used.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
tl 1	'set trigger level to report only	119, 1
mv 1 100	'move some servos	1, 0, 100
mv 2 200		2, 0, 200
tm1 tm2	'send message when these moves are done	181, 182

Until the host sees both 181 and 182 from the ASC16 (signifying that the motion of those two moves is complete) it periodically sends the following command.

rd 'read sensors connected to input port 179

Until the host decodes the returned data to find that your robot just crashed into something, it issues the following command:

am 'abort all motion 250
at 'abort triggers, since the host now knows that motion 249
is complete.

bt (124 DEC) (7C HEX)

Base Time

Format: bt #
bt = 124
= 0 to 255 for 0 to 1020uS (4uS steps)

Description: This sets the minimum pulse width output of the servo command signal. The operand value is the pulse width value divided by 4microseconds. Many servos like to operate between the range of .7mS and 1.7mS. A value of 175, which yields 700uS, or .7mS (4uS * 175) would be the appropriate value to set for most servos, and is the factory default. Some servos operate from as low as 250uS (.25mS) to 2.25mS. For these it is advantageous to set the base time to 63 (63*4uS = 252uS) to get full range of motion from the servo. This base time flexibility allows your servos to have full range of motion even if they do not conform to a standard; otherwise, as in the example above, you would lose 25% of the servo's range of motion if you didn't change the base time value.

The base time value is *always* stored in non-volatile memory. As with all commands that save data to non-volatile memory, it is a good idea to turn off the servos (s-) while the data is being "burned" into EEPROM. This process uses a little over 20ms per byte of the controller's undivided attention, and during this process updates to the servos are missed. Erratic behavior may result.

Examples

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
bt 175	'Yields a range of .7mS for position 0 to 1.7mS for position 4000	124, 175
bt 63	'Yields a range of .25mS for position 0 to 1.25mS for position 4000	124, 63

en (121 DEC) (79 HEX)

Enable Module

Format: en address en = 121
 address = 0 to 255

Description: Enables a module for receiving commands. Only one module address is enabled at a time, but multiple modules can share the same address. Any module that is not enabled will ignore all commands sent, except for an enable module command for that modules address or the Terminate command. A multi-drop RS-485 serial network or a unidirectional (only the host can transmit) RS-232 can be setup to control multiple ASC16 controllers (modules). All commands sent by the host in a network are received by all modules and use up command cache space on every module. Only the enabled module will process the commands.

Example

The use of Markers (see mk commands) can be used in conjunction with trigger reporting to identify which module is reporting information. See example below

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
en 1	'enable module 1	121, 1
tl 1	'set trigger level to report mode only	119, 1
mv7 3000	'move servo 7 on module 1	7, 11, 184
tm7	'when motion on servo 7 is complete, report back	187
mk1	'then send a marker so that it identifies module 1	221
en 2	'now enable module 2 and send more commands	121, 2
tl 1	'set trigger level to report mode only	119, 1
<i>.....more commands for module 2 here</i>		
tm9	'report when servo#9 is finished moving	189
mk2	'to identify module 2	222

When Module 1, servo 7, has completed its move, the host will receive the following 2 bytes:

187 meaning that trigger for servo 7 is satisfied
221 caused by Marker#1, which we used here to identify module 1.

f+ (251 DEC) (FB HEX)

Freeze Motion

Format: f+ f+ = 251

Description: Freeze the motion of all servos. The motions may resume their destination paths upon the receipt of the Freeze On command (f-). The servos will decelerate at their full deceleration ability rather than via the ASC16's control.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
mv 1 100	'move some servos	1, 0, 100
mv 2 200		2, 0, 200
<i>The host then sends the following command:</i>		
f-	'freeze Mister!	251
<i>When the host wants to resume motion, it sends this:</i>		
f+	'carry on	252

f- (252 DEC) (FC HEX)

Freeze Motion Off

Format: f- f- = 252

Description: Resume the motion of all servos previously held by a Freeze Motion On command “F-“. The servos will accelerate at their full acceleration ability rather than via the ASC16’s control.

Example

See Freeze Motion On command above

fp (21-36 DEC) (15-24 HEX)

Flyby Position

Format: fp\$ position fp\$ = 21-36 for servo 1 (fp1) to 16(fp16);
position = 0-4000

Description: This command will store a fly-by position trigger in memory for any given servo. Once a fly-by position has been put into memory for a servo, a Trigger-On-Position (tp#) command can be used to trigger a message, to suspend the processing of commands in the command cache, or do both—depending on the current trigger level (tl). A “tp” command is satisfied when the specified servo passes through the position pointed by the fly-by position value *or* the motion of said servo is complete.

Example:

<u>Mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
tl2	‘ set trigger level to suspend processing	119, 2
fp1 1000	‘ set trigger positions for servos 1 and 9	21, 3, 232
fp9 3333	‘ set trigger positions for servos 1 and 9	29, 13, 5
mv1 0	‘ move servo 1 to position 0	1, 0, 0
tp1	‘because tl=1, suspend processing until fp1 1000	201
op128	‘ set bit 8 on output port	110, 128
tl1	‘ set level to report trigger only	119, 1
mv9 3500	‘ set servo 9 into motion	9, 13, 172
tp9	‘arm trigger	209

Commands will continue to process, and at the point when servo 9 passes position 3333, the number 29 (synonymous with the code 29 for fp9) will be sent by the ASC16.

iv (112 DEC) (70 HEX)

Invert Servo Coordinates

Format: iv servo iv = 112
servo = 1 to 16

Description: This command sets a servo into inverted coordinate mode. This inverts the position values of any servo. The assigned servo remains in this mode until changed back using the ‘nv’(non-invert coordinates) command, or the ASC16 is reset and the default mode for the servo is non-inverted. If, before issuing this command, position 0 is the counter-clockwise limit and position 4000 is the clockwise limit, after this command, position 4000 will be the counter-clockwise limit and position 0 will be the clockwise limit. This command causes no movement to

occur To move a servo to its new position on its new coordinate polarity without changing the position value, do a move relative 0 for the newly set servo; i.e., “mr1 0” for servo 1. This command makes it simple to change the positive direction of a servo. For instance, you can set one of two servos inverted if you have two servos facing opposite one another, making them track in the same direction for similar position values. The current inverted/non-inverted coordinate status of all servos can be saved into the non-volatile default registers for automatic reassignment at power-up by using the Save All (sa) command.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
mv1 100	‘move servo 1 to position 100	1, 0, 100
iv1	‘invert servo 1 position. At this point, the servo is still going to position 100 in non-inverted coordinates.	112, 1
mr1 0	‘regardless of where servo 1 was going or where it was, it is now going to position 100 (absolute) in inverted coordinates.	41, 0, 0

la (242 DEC) (F2 HEX)

Load All

Format: la la = 242

Description: Restores all default speeds, acceleration, coordinate polarities, and moves all servos to their default positions which were stored in the default registers in non-volatile memory. The servos will move at the newly loaded default speeds and accelerations assigned to each individual servo.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
tl 2	‘set trigger level to suspend processing of commands	119, 2
la	‘restore all defaults and move to the default pos.	242
tm1 tm2 tm3 tm4	‘wait for all motion to complete	181, 182, 183, 184
tm5 tm6 tm7 tm8		185, 186, 187, 188
tm9 tm10 tm11 tm12		189, 190, 191, 192
tm13 tm14 tm15		193, 194, 195,
tl3	‘ change trigger level to include a report for the last	119, 3
tm16	‘so now the host will know when all motion is complete	196

ld (123 DEC) (7B HEX)

Load Default Position

Format: ld servo ld = 123
servo = 1 to 16

Description: Moves a servo to its default position which is stored in the default position registers in non-volatile memory. The servo will move at the speed and acceleration currently assigned to that servo.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
ld 11	‘move servo to its default position	123, 11

lm (253 DEC) (FD HEX)

Loop Marker

Format: lm lm = 253

Description: Used as a place-mark in the command cache of where execution of commands should begin after receipt of a Loop command (lp).

Example

See Loop command below

lp (254 DEC) (FE HEX)

Loop

Format: lp lp = 254

Description: Causes the ASC16 to re-execute commands in the command cache at the location where the last Loop Marker was placed. Once a command loop has started the only exit is the receipt of the Terminate command (no, no, no : 0,0,0), after which execution of commands will begin at the very next command following the Loop command.

Example

Here is a section of code that makes my 4-legged robot walk.

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
fp9 3100	'set trigger on leg four position	29, 12, 28
tl 2	'set trigger level to suspend processing of commands	119, 2
lm	' set a loop mark for looping	253
	' leg 1 movements	
tp9	'wait here for other leg to be in phase b location	209
sp1 100 sp2 100	'forward step speed	61, 100, 62, 200
mv2 4000	'now have leg take a step	2, 15, 160
mv1 1200	'lift foot a little, too	2, 4, 76
tp1	'wait till leg is forward	201
mv2 3100	'move foot down	2, 12, 28
sp1 4	'restore walking speed (slow)	61, 4
mv1 0	'walk	1, 0, 0
	' other 3 legs move here	
lp	' loop back to loop marker	254

Marker

Format: mk# mk# = 221 to 228 for marker numbers 1(mk1) through 8(mk8)

Description: The purpose of the marker command is to provide a means for sending an identifiable tag back to the host. The value sent back to the host is identical to the marker code number. This marker can be used to signify the progress of commands in the command buffer cache, or specific marker number combinations can be used to identify one ASC16 module from another in a shared serial-communications configuration.

Example

If it is desired to send a block of commands larger than the command cache, the block can be divided up into smaller blocks. Toward the end of these blocks a marker is inserted so that the host can tell when the ASC16 is almost finished with that block of commands. Now the host can send another block. By placing the marker *near* the end and not *at* the end of a block, the ASC16 (and the servos for that matter) will see no interruptions and it will process the remaining commands as new ones are loaded in behind them.

mnemonic

Block of commands sent here

mk1	'marker used as a end of block marker'
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A few more commands here

Numeric

221

The host now waits for the ASC16 to return the marker before feeding another chunk of code.

mr

Move Relative

Format: mr\$ position mr\$ = 41-56 for servo 1 (mr1) to 16 (mr16)
position = -4000 to +4000

Description: The ASC16 moves a servo to a new position at the speed and acceleration rate set for the specified servo relative to the current position. If the new absolute position is calculated to be less than 0 or greater than 4000 counts, the servo will move to the nearest position limit (0 or 4000 absolute).

Example:

mnemonic

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tl 2      ' set trigger level to suspend processing
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mv5 800      ' move servo 5 to absolute position 800
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tm5      'wait for servo to finish move
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mr5 1000      'move servo 5 relative +1000 counts (1800 absolute) 45, 3, 232
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tm5 'wait for servo to finish move

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mr5 -800      'move servo 5 relative -800 count (1000 absolute)
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tm5 rp5	'wait for servo 5, then report position (absolute)
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Numeric

119, 2

5, 3, 32

185

45, 3, 232

185

45, 252, 224

185, 116, 5

Move servo absolute

10, 0, 200

No Operation

Terminate

Non-invert Servo Positions

Description: This command sets a servo into the non-inverted coordinates. See command ‘iv’ for more details.

op (110 DEC) (6E HEX)

Output

Format: op value op=110
 value = an 8bit value (0 - 255)

Description: Sends a value to the output port. Whip out your calculator or handy-dandy decimal-to-binary conversion chart to determine what value(s) you'll need to send the ASC16 to set the appropriate bits on the output port.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
tl 2	'set trigger level to suspend processing	119, 2
op 0	'clear the output port	110, 0
mv1 1200	'send a servo to a position	1, 4, 176
tm1	'wait until servo is finished moving , then	181
op 128	'set bit 8	110, 128

pg (120 DEC) (78 HEX)

Program Module address

Format: pg address pg = 120
 address = 0 to 255

Description: Stores in non-volatile memory a new module address if program jumper JP1 installed. Any ASC16 module listening (connected to the host serial port)—regardless of current module address—will be programmed to a new module address. This means both networked and single-node modules.

The ASC16 is module addressable by using the Enable command. See the Enable command 'en' for more details. Multiple ASC16s can be connected by using an RS-485 network, or in an unidirectional (only the host can transmit) RS-232. Each module can be programmed by using this command to a unique address. Install the JP1 jumper to each module one at a time, and send the Program command. The ASC16 factory default address is 255.

Do not leave JP1 installed. If you do, at the next power-up the auto-test sequence will start.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
pg 1	'the module with JP1 install gets a new address	120, 1
en 1	'now only talk to newly programmed module	121, 1

ra (141-148 DEC) (8D-94 HEX)

Read Input as Analog

Format: ra# ra# = 141 to 148 for analog input 1(ra1) through 8(ra8)

Description: Sends a value back to the host proportional to the voltage applied to one of the analog input channels. This analog value is preceded with a value equal to the command number (i.e. 141-148).

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
ra5	'read the analog value on input 5, and send to host	145

rd (179 DEC) (63 HEX)

Read Inputs as digital

Format: rd rd = 179

Description: Reads the entire input port as a digital byte and sends value to controller. This digital value is preceded with an identification code value equal to the command number (179).

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
rd	'Read input port as digital byte	179

rp (116 DEC) (74 HEX)

Report Position

Format: rp servo rp = 116
servo = 1 to 16

Description: Sends the present servo position, moving or not, to the host via the serial port. Unlike the reporting features of trigger commands, here the ASC16 will not send an identifying code byte, it will send only the position information (in two bytes). For this reason, the host controller must be ready to receive the position data. The idea is to make the transmission of position information as quick as possible, for external position following.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
tl 2	'set trigger level to suspend processing of commands	119, 2
mv16 0	'move servo16 to position 0	16,0 ,0
lm	'set looping marker	253
tt 10	'wait 100 mS	111, 10
rp16	'send servo 16 actual position ever 100mS	116, 16
lp	'continuously loop back to loop marker	254

It's up to the external controller, which is reading the position feedback, to send a termination string which will exit the loop.

rs (117 DEC) (75 HEX)

Report Speed

Format: rs servo rs = 117
servo = 1 to 16

Description: Sends the present servo speed. See the Report Position command, which works quite the same.

S+ (245 DEC) (F5 HEX)

Servos On

Format: sa sa = 245

Description: Enables the control of all servos'. All servo positions will now move to their last programmed positions at the servos full speed and acceleration capabilities.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
en 255 s+	'enables default modules and turn' on all servos	121, 255, 245

S- (246 DEC) (F6 HEX)

Servos Off

Format: s- s- = 246

Description: Disables the control of all servos. All servos will act like they're shut off.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
s-	'turn off servos	246
sa	'save all defaults	241
s+	'turn servo back on	246

sa (241 DEC) (F1 HEX)

Save All

Format: sa sa = 241

Description: Saves all current positions, speeds, acceleration, and coordinate polarities to the default registers in non-volatile memory. As with all commands that save data to non-volatile memory, it is a good idea to turn off the servos while the data is being "burned" into EEPROM. This process uses a little over 600ms of the controller's undivided attention, and during this process updates to the servos are missed, causing the servos to act erratic.

Example

See the Save command "sv".

Speed

Format: sp\$ speed sp\$ = 61-76 for servos 1(sp1) to 16 (sp16)
 speed = 0-255 for speeds of 0 to 255counts/20mS

Description: This sets the speed of a servo. The rate of speed is in counts/20mS. So each unit of speed equals 50 counts/second. For a servo that turns 180 degrees for positions 0 to 4000 (8000 counts/ rev), each speed unit count will equal

=50counts/sec
 = 1/160 of a revolution/sec or
 =2.25 degrees/second or
 =3/8(.375)RPM.

Using the above to control a servo at 3 RPM, the speed value would be: $3/.375 = 8$. Let's say you want to move a joint of a robot arm, which is directly controlled by a servo, at a maximum rate of 30 degrees per second. The speed value to send the ASC16 would be 13 ($30/2.25$)—rounded off. Scale these values depending on the arc range of your particular servo.

At 4.8Volts the most common maximum servo speed is .22sec/60 Degrees or 1.32S/rev or 45 RPM. Of course, as the voltage is increased, the maximum speed increases; likewise, if the voltage decreases, the maximum speed will decrease. Higher load torque will also decrease the maximum speed when it is near the high end of the torque rating for the servo. As long as the speed setting in the ASC16 is lower than the maximum obtainable speed for the voltage and torque being applied, the speed will be accurate. For the .22S/60 Degree servo (at 4.8V) a speed value of 120 ($45/.375$) will be the highest practical value for that servo. Knowing the transit time for a 60 Degree move (which is a common specification supplied by servo manufacturers), to determine the maximum speed for a given servo use the following formula. This applies only to 180-arc-degree servos.

$26.4 / \text{transit time} = \text{maximum speed value (counts/20mS)}$

The ASC16 does not know the maximum speed of a servo if you set the speed of a servo higher than its capabilities, the ASC16 will calculate inaccurate servo positions and cause any event trigger to be miscalculated.

Example:

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
tl 2	'set trigger level to hold execution	119 2
fp3 1000	'set flyby position to 1000 for servo 3	23 3 232
sp3 50	'set initial speed for servo 3 at 133 RPM	63 50
mv3 3890	' move servo 3 to position 3890, at speed 50	3 15 50
tp3	'wait for servo3 to pass position 1000	203
sp 100	' then double its speed	63 100

st

(151- 168 DEC) (97 - A8 HEX)

Stop**Format:** st\$ st\$ = 151 to 168 for servo 1 (st1) to servo 16 (st16)

Description: This command causes the specified servo to stop moving. If a flyby position or motion event trigger command is pending, it will be terminated. Neither event trigger will not report completion to the host even if trigger level (tl) was set to 1. This command is only practical for use with flyby position or motion event trigger commands if the trigger level (tl) is set to 0 or 1. At higher levels this command will not be processed until the event trigger is satisfied. Use the Report Position command, rp, to find the position where the servo stopped moving.

Example: The example below illustrates one way to stop leg movement of a legged robot. Sensors are placed on the bottom of each foot. The sensors output a voltage proportional to the amount of pressure applied to them when pressed against the ground. Two of these sensors are connected to the ASC16's analog port channels 3 and 4. This idea also works with gripper sensors on an armed robot.

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
tl2	'trigger level set to hold processing only	119, 2
mv1 3440	'move servo 1	1, 13, 112
<i>The host can repeatedly send the following command to read the system's touch sensor:</i>		
ra 3 ra 4	'read analog input#3 - touch sensor input	143, 144
<i>Once a value representing the proper pressure is registered, the host then sends the following:</i>		
st1	'stop servo 1	151
rp1	'tell host where it stopped	116, 1,
<i>Or for leg number two:</i>		
st2	'stop servo 1	152
rp2	'tell host where it stopped	116, 2

SV

(122 DEC) (7A HEX)

Save Default Servo Position**Format:** sv servo sv = 122
servo = 1 to 16

Description: Saves the current servo position to a default position register in non-volatile memory. The next time the ASC16 is turned on, the positions stored in the default position registers will be the initial servo positions. Also see the command Save All (sa). As with all commands that save data to non-volatile memory it is a good idea to turn off the servos while the data is being "burned" into EEPROM. This process takes more than 60ms of the controller's undivided attention; during this process updates to the servos are missed. Erratic behavior is common.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
tl 2	'set trigger level to suspend processing of commands	119, 2
tm 2	'wait for servo 2 to stop moving	182
s-	'turn off servo to eliminate convulsions	246
sv 2	'save to current	122, 2
mk 1	' use a marker to signify to host that save is completed	221
s+	'turn servo back on.	245

The servos should have been off for only about 25mS in this example.

Trigger Level

Format: tl level
tl = 119
level = 1, 2, or 3

Description: Sets the event trigger level. Once the level is set, all following trigger commands will be affected until another level is set. If a trigger command is in process (not yet satisfied) and a new trigger level is issued, the trigger command will take on the behavior of the new level. The trigger levels are as follows:

- 0** - Event Trigger commands are ignored
- 1** - Report: Send confirmation via serial port message that a trigger is satisfied.
- 2** - Wait: Suspend command processing until present trigger condition is satisfied.
- 3** - Both: Suspend until present trigger is satisfied, and send confirmation

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>	<u>Numeric</u>
mv1 0 'move servo 1 to position 0	1, 0, 0,
tl2 'set event trigger level to hold command processing	119, 1
tm1 'wait here until servo 1 is done moving	181
tl 0 'ASC16 will not process trigger command at all	119, 0
mv1 2000 'more move commands without reporting or waiting	1, 7,208

tm (181-196 DEC) (65-C4 HEX)

Trigger on Motion Completion

Format: tm\$ tm\$ = 181 to 196 for servo numbers 1 (tm1) to 16 (tm16).

Description: Depending on the current trigger level, this command either causes the ASC16 to wait until a specified servo's current move has ended, or sends a message to the host via the serial port when the specified servo's current move has ended, or both (wait and send a message). When the ASC16 waits, no other commands in the command cache are processed until the trigger is satisfied. The trigger in this case is the completion of a servo move. In trigger levels 1 and 3 the message that is sent when the trigger is satisfied is the value 181 through 196 for servo numbers 1 through 16, which is the same as the code for 'tm#'

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
tl 2	'set trigger level to suspend processing of commands	119, 2
mv1 100	'move servo 1 to position 100	1, 0, 100
tm2	'wait for move to complete	181
mv1 1000	'now move same servo to position 1000	1, 3, 232

tp (201-216 DEC) (C9-D8 HEX)

Trigger on Servo Position

Format: tp\$ tp\$ = 201 to 216 for servos 1 (tp1) to 16 (tp16)

Description: Depending on trigger level, this command either causes the ASC16 to wait until the specified servo passes through the preprogrammed fly-by position, or sends a message to the host via the serial port when the event has occurred, or both (wait and send a message). When the

ASC16 waits, no other commands in the command cache are processed until the trigger is satisfied. The trigger in this case is the passing (fly-by) of a servo position. The trigger will also be satisfied when the servo has finished its move, regardless if it passed the fly-by position or not. In trigger levels 1 and 3 the message that is sent when the trigger is satisfied is the value 210 through 216 for servo numbers 1 through 16, which is the same as the code for 'tp#

Example

See the example for fly-by position "fp"

tt (111 DEC) (6F HEX)

Trigger on Time Delay

Format: tt time tt=111
time = 0 - 255 for delay of 0 to 2550mS (2.50 Seconds)

Description: Depending on the current trigger level, this command either causes the ASC16 to wait a specified amount of time, or sends a message to the host via the serial port, when a time delay has finished, or both (wait and send a message). When the ASC16 waits, no other commands in the command cache are processed until the time delay is finished. In trigger levels 1 and 3 the message that gets sent when the time delay is finished is the value 111, which is the same as the command code for 'tt'. This function uses the servo update loop as its time base, so for this reason the servos must be ON, via the 's+' command, for the 'tt' command to work properly.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
tl 1	'send message when trigger is satisfied	119, 1
mv14 1000	'move servo 14 to position 1000	14, 3, 232
tt 10	'wait 100mS, then send a message	111, 10
mv15 1000	'thus servos 14 and 15 will appear to move simultaneously	15, 3, 232

wf (243 DEC) (F3 HEX)

Wait forever

Format: wf wf = 243

Description: Causes the ASC16 to discontinue executing commands until a terminate command is received by the ASC16.

Example

<u>mnemonic</u>		<u>Numeric</u>
wf	'Now the ASC16 will indefinitely halt execution of commands in the command cache.	243
mv1 100 mv2 200	'move a bunch of servos	

more commands here (possibly to multiple ASC16 modules)

no no no	'Immediately upon receipt of this terminate command, execution of commands will begin again (for all modules) starting move commands above	0, 0, 0
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3. HARDWARE

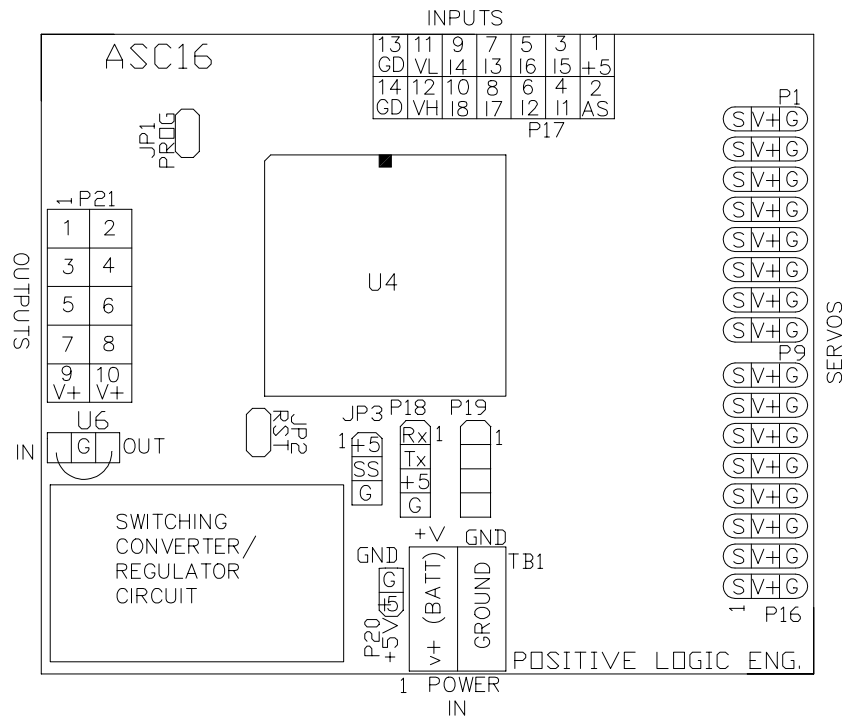


Figure 2

3.1. Servo Ports

The servo port connectors P1 through P16 are wired for Futaba-compatible servo connectors. You can rearrange the pins in the connector shell of other servo types to match that of the Futaba type.

P1 through P16 Pin-out

Pin	Description	Typical wire color on servo
1	Signal	White or Yellow
2	V+	Red
3	Ground	Black

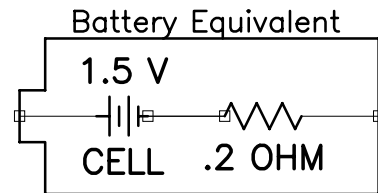
3.2. POWER CIRCUITRY

The ASC16 contains a DC-DC converter circuit for optimum power source conditioning. It has high immunity to power sags caused by servo motor high inrush currents. This conditioner can be adapted to just about any power source condition. As long as the voltage into the converter (at TB1) is between 2 and 6 Volts, the controller will operate properly with the default configuration. Surplus 5V power (about 150mA worth) is available to power another controller. These features enable the use of 1 Battery pack to power an entire system. Here are a few ideas regarding power sources.

3.2.1. NiCd Batteries.

Use 4 or 5 cells with the default circuitry. For a 6 Cell (7.2Volt) battery pack, replace the jumper wire on U6 with two diodes in series to drop the voltage below 6 Volts. Most servos operate at 4.8V-6.0V, operating at higher voltages may damage a servo.

NiCd batteries have a lower internal resistance, making them ideal for motor/servo applications. The servos can have tighter (stiffer) responses and be less susceptible to torque disturbances. Again, if you wish a more damped (less sharp) response while using NiCds, simply decrease the acceleration setting in the ASC16.



The .1 Ohms resistance is one example
figure 3

3.2.2. Alkaline Batteries.

Use 4 Cells with default ASC16 configuration. And for heaven's sake, use the rechargeable type Renewal™, or the cost of replacing them will eat you alive. Alkaline batteries have a higher internal resistance than NiCds and may exhibit a more damped response. The inrush current that servos create will cause the voltage to sag more with the higher source resistance of the alkaline. This will happen more likely with the increase of the number of servos driven. I like using alkaline for those applications that don't need higher torque, and for snappy moves because their recharging regiment is a lot less fuss than NiCd and I get good performance and value.

3.2.3. >7.2 Volt power source.

If your system uses a higher voltage than 7.2V, simply install a three-terminal 5Volt regulator into the U6 position. Be careful, the servos will get whatever voltage you apply at TB1. Extra through-hole pads have been provided near U6 and TB1 to accommodate wires for special power wiring requirements. If you plan to exceed 10 Volts at TB1, remove or replace R8 with a higher value to keep the voltage into the A/D converter from exceeding 5Volts (see voltage monitor input, Section 1.1.3).

3.2.4. Surplus 5Volt power.

The ASC16 circuitry only draws about 100mA. This is less than half of the 250mA the DC-DC converter can deliver. By using the surplus 5volt power to power an external controller, your controller will have a clean 5V source and your system can be reduced to one battery pack. This 5Volts is on connector P20.

3.2.5. Voltage monitor input.

The 8th input bit has a 2:1 voltage divider attached to facilitate the measurement of battery voltage. Two 4.7Kohm resistors form this divider, connected from V+ (power source at TB1) to ground. The VRL and VRH signals have to be connected for this to operate properly. See Section 1.1 for more information.

By issuing the following command:

ra8 (148 Decimal)

The ASC16 controller will return a value proportional to battery voltage. The scaling of this value is such:

Voltage at V+ = $value/255 * 10$ (or $A/D\ value/25.5$ or $39.2mV*bit$)

where "value" is the second number returned from an RA8 command. The first number is the ID code, which is equal to the command number, i.e. 148 for ra8.

3.3. OUTPUTS

The ASC16 output port includes an 8-bit high current sinking output driver. A Darlington transistor array - ULN2803 - can deliver up to ½ Amp per output, and has built-in flyback diodes for protect against inductive loads. I would suggest an external high-speed diode to supplement this internal diode. Something like a 1N4937 will do nicely.

The outputs are open collectors and are intended to operate such that if a binary value 1 is sent to the output port the transistor will sink its load to ground.

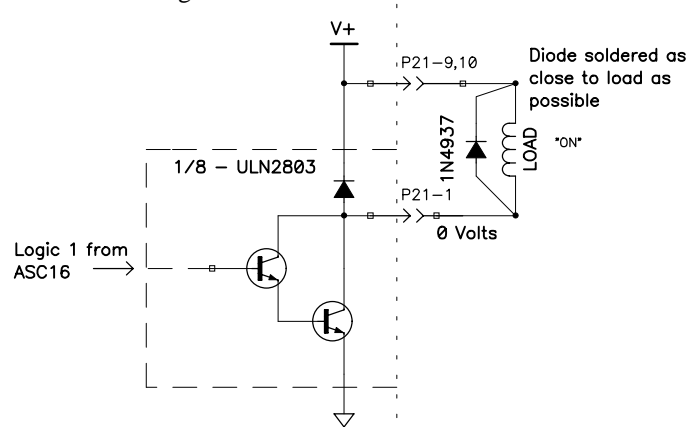


figure 4

A pull-up resistor is required to make this output logic compatible to interface to other digital devices. Note that +5V is not available on P21. Use P20

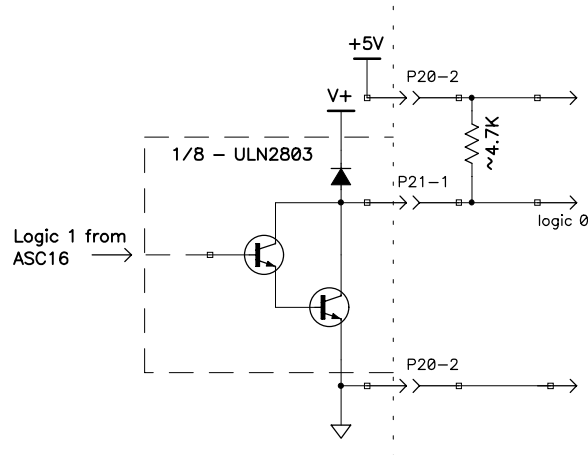


figure 5

Output Port P21 Pin-out

Pin	Description	Pin	Description
1	Output 1	6	Output 6
2	Output 2	7	Output 7
3	Output 3	8	Output 8
4	Output 4	9	V+ (Battery)
5	Output 5	10	V+ (Battery)

3.4. INPUTS

3.4.1. Analog and Digital Inputs

8 digital or analog inputs are available on connector P17. All 8 bits can be read together as a digital byte value, or individually as 8 analog values with 8-bit resolution. Be sure to put at least a 1K ohm resistor in series to protect the inputs. This will not effect A/D precision, but an input resistance above 10K ohms will start to degrade the precision of the A/D value. The analog inputs are referenced from VRL (Voltage Reference Low) to the VRH (High). An input at the same potential as VRH, will return a value of 255. If the input is at the same potential as VRL the controller will return a value of 0. The limits VRH and VRL are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{VRL} &\leq \mathbf{VRH} < 5.1\text{Volts} \\ -0.1\text{V} &< \mathbf{VRL} < \text{VRH} \end{aligned}$$

Typical Analog hook-up for 0 to 5 Volt operation

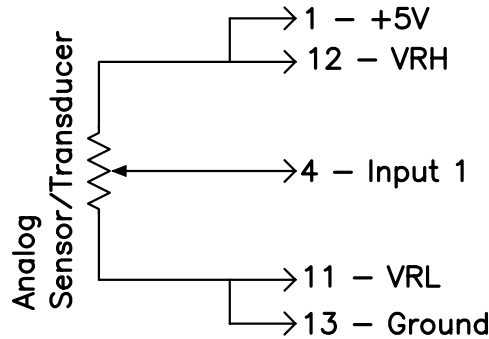


Figure 6

The 8th analog input is wired to read the battery voltage. See Section 1.1.3. A special input - ALL STOP - is a special dedicated input which immediately stops all motion and exits a software loop, if applicable. This input is configured to activate on the edge of a low-going input signal. The circuit contains a 4.7K ohm pull-up resistor.

3.4.2. All Stop Input

A special input on the input port connector, P17, is provided to stop all the motors immediately. This input is called All Stop. The All Stop input is an active low input and has an on-board pull-up resistor. So when this input is connected to ground, say through a switch or transistor, it will activate All Stop. All Stop also flushes the command cache so all pending commands are thrown out. The ASC16 will also exit an active loop. Finally, the ASC16 will send the value 255 to the user to report the All Stop event.

Input Port P17 Pin-out

Pin	Description	Pin	Description
1	+5Volts Out	8	Input Channel / bit 7
2	All Stop	9	Input Channel / bit 4
3	Input Channel / bit 5	10	Input Channel / bit 8
4	Input Channel / bit 1	11	VRL
5	Input Channel / bit 6	12	VRH
6	Input Channel / bit 2	13	Ground (5V return)
7	Input Channel / bit 3	14	Ground (5V return)

3.5. SERIAL PORT

A TTL-level RS-232 serial port is provided at connector P18. If you are going to be communicating directly from another microcontroller, such as a Basic Stamp, 8051, or 68HC11, then no other hardware is necessary. Simply wire the ASC16 Rx pin to your controller's Tx pin, ASC16 Tx pin to the other controller's Rx pin, and connect the grounds together. The following code demonstrates how to send a motion script (string of motion commands) to the ASC16 from pin 15 of a BASIC StampII:

```

1      con    mv1
2      con    mv2
119    con    t1
181    con    tm1

serout 15,84,[t1,1,mv1,0,0,mv2,15,0,tm1]
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If you want, the +5Volts on pin 3 of the ASC16's serial port, P18, can power the host controller if its current requirements are under 100mA.

Serial Port P18 Pin-out

Pin	Description
1	Receive Data in (Rx)
2	Transmit data out (Tx)
3	+5 Volts
4	Ground

To connect the ASC16 to a true ± 12 -volts RS-232C port, such as a PC, an external TTL-to-RS-232C voltage converter circuit is required. Since a PC is required to control the ASC16 from the supplied SCedit program, it would be a handy device to have. Using something like a MAX232 is the most common approach. A cable assembly can be constructed that contains a MAX232 IC in the connector shell. Since P18 is pin compatible with Marvin Green's Bot-Board, if you have made a converter for a Bot-Board, you can use it for the ASC16. Likewise, if you make one for the ASC16, you'll have one for the Bot-Board. Figure 7 is a schematic of one such voltage converter.

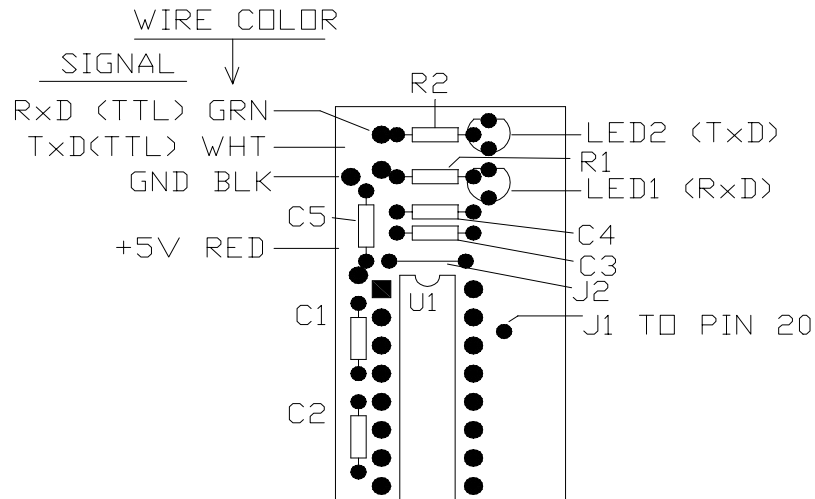


figure 9
Part placement drawing of RS232 converter

Part list for RS232 Converter

Quantity	Description	Value	Reference Designator
2	Resistor	2.2K ohm 1/8 Watt	R1,2
5	Capacitor	.1uF axial lead 25V	C1-5
1	IC	MAX202CPE or MAX232CPE	U1
2	LED	T-1 or T-1½ any color	LED1,2
2	wire	for jumpers	J1,2
1	connector	DB25 w/ solder pots	not shown
1	shell	for DB25	not shown

3.6. Auto test

The auto-test feature helps to determine if a board is functioning properly, helps troubleshoot a non-working board, and helps test board communications. It is also handy to test servos. To activate the auto-test function, install JP1 on the ASC16 before applying power to the unit. When power is applied, the auto-test motion script will automatically load into the ASC16's command cache. The ASC16 will automatically become enabled and start processing the motion script. An abbreviated listing of the built-in motion script that is automatically loaded is listed below.

en ??	'the ASC16 will enable itself regardless of current address.	121, ??
tl3	'trigger level 3 to allow servo to go full excursion before 'the next move is executed to feed the serial port some 'data to transmit, for testing and verifying hardware	119, 3
s+	'turn servos on	245
tt 200	'wait 2 seconds before beginning	111, 200
lm	'mark beginning of loop	253
mv1, 0	'move all servos to position 0	1,0,0
mv2,0		2,0,0
↓	'move servos 3 through 15 here	↓
mv16,0		16,0,0
tm 1	'wait till servo 1 is done moving (they all have the same profile)	181
tt 50	'wait a 1/2 Second	11, 50
mv1, 4000	'now move all servos back	1, 15, 160
mv2, 4000		2, 15, 160
↓	'move servos 3 through 15 here	↓
mv16, 4000		16, 15, 160
lp	'continue this loop endlessly until terminate command sequence is ' received, which is also a test of serial reception.	

What you should notice is that your servos are moving from one position limit to the other. You should also observe data transmitting to the host at the end of each move segment. These actions verify the ASC16 operation and serial transmission.

After sending the Terminate command sequence, the servos should stop moving and the received data should stop coming. This verifies that the ASC16 is receiving data.

Don't forget to remove the jumper across JP1 before reapplying power to the ASC16 or it will re-enter this auto-test function.

4. ASC16 Assembly Instructions

Install and solder components onto the printed circuit board in the same order shown on the list below. The components on the parts list are to match the reference designator legend on the printed circuit board. Be sure to match the component polarity or pin orientation to that of the legend.

Quantity	Description	Value	Reference Designator	Installation Instruction
1	PCB	Unpopulated		The bare board
2	connector, male	Header, 2pin, .1"c-c	JP1, P20	
16	connector, male	Header, 3pin, .1"c-c	P1-P16	When installing these try soldering only one pin on all connectors at first, then flip board right side up and align each connector by heating the one pin (underneath with soldering iron) then move connector into correct alignment
1	connector, male	Header, 4pin, .1"c-c	P18	Orient with locking ramp to the left.
1	Header connector	10 pin	P21	Match polarity arrow of connector to arrow on PCB legend
1	Header connector	14 pin	P17	Match polarity arrow of connector to arrow on PCB legend
1	Socket, PLCC	52pin	U4	<u>VERY</u> Important to orient this socket correctly. Find the arrow inside the socket. This should match the arrow on the PCB legend.
1	Crystal	8.00MHZ	X1	Mount flush with board (no leads exposed)
2	Res., 1/8 carbon film	10K	R7,8	Color Code: BRN, BLK, RED, Gold
5	Res., 1/8 carbon film	4.7K	R3,4,5,9,11	Color Code: YEL, VIO, RED, Gold
1	Res., 1/8 carbon film	10Meg	R10	Color Code: BRN, BLK, BLU, Gold
2	Res. Net., SIP	4.7K	R1,2	The dot on the side of the resistor should be closest to the square pad
2	Capacitor	120uf	C3,4	The long lead goes into the hole which is closest to the plus "+" legend
2	Capacitor	100nf	C5,6	
2	Capacitor	22pf	C1,2	
1	IC, Buck Regulator	MAX756	U5	Match the notch on the IC to the notch on PCB legend
1	Diode	1N5817	D1	The band on the diode matches the band legend on the PCB
1	Inductor	22uH	L1	Leads may need to be tucked in a bit to meet with pad holes squarely.
1	Terminal Block	2 Pos.	TB1	The terminal opening faces the edge of the board
1	Transistor array	ULN2803A	U7	Match the notch on the IC to the notch on PCB legend. Notice that pin1 on this IC is upside-down from the other ICs
1	IC, uP Reset	MC34064	U1	This IC looks like a transistor package (TO-92). Orient device to match PCB legend. Leads should be about 1/16 inch between board and device.
2	IC, Octal buffer	74HC244	U2,3	Match the notch on the IC to the notch on PCB legend
1	Jumper	Insulated wire	U6	For four cell operation, solder a small piece of insulated wire from pin1 to pin3 (the two outer most pads). See Hardware section of this manual for other options.
At this point connect power source to TB1 and test for 5Volts at P20 before continuing to last step.				
1	Microcontroller	MC68HC711EPFN2	U4	Observe the dot on the edge of the IC. This matches the arrow on the inside of the socket. Also the chamfered notch on one of the corners matches the same on the socket. CAREFULLY, evenly, snap into socket.

Not installed : JP2, JP3, P19, R6

5. Command Summary Chart \$= Servo number, # = 8bit value, ##= 16bit val.

Number Code	ASCII Code	Operand Length	Description	Operand meaning / Resolution	Range of #
81 - 96	ac\$ #	1	Acceleration/Deceleration	¹ / ₄ Counts/20ms/20ms. \$=servo number	1-255
250	am	0	Abort All Motion	Stops all motion and clears all motion & position event triggers	
249	at	0	Abort Trigger commands	Available only if Trigger level = 1 use NO,NO,NO for higher levels.	
124	bt #	1	Base Time	minimum pulse width * 4uS	0-255
121	en #	1	Enable Module	Module number.	0-255
251	f+	0	Freeze Motion ON	Temporarily freeze motion on all servos	
252	f-	0	Freeze Motion OFF	Recover from freeze command, continue motion	
21 - 36	fp\$ ##	2	Fly-by Position	Sets fly-by position for event trigger	0 - 4000
112	iv\$	1	Invert Axis	Reverses servo position coordinates	
242	la	0	Load All Defaults	EEPROM values are loaded into current motion and flag variables	
123	ld	1	Load Position from EEPROM	Servo number	1 - 16
253	lm	0	Loop Marker	For use with loop command	
254	lp	0	Loop Back to Loop Marker	Execute commands starting at the 'lm'	
221 - 228	mk#	0	Marker	This value is sent back for identification	
41 - 56	mr\$ ##	2	Move Relative	.045deg/count (22.2counts/deg or 8000cnts/rev)	-4000 to +4000
1 - 16	mv\$ ##	2	Move Absolute .	.045deg/count (22.2counts/deg or 8000cnts/rev)	0 - 4000
0	no	0	NO operation	-	-
0 , 0 , 0	no no no	0	Terminate	Terminate event trigger s and exit loop, all 3 zeros are put into end of buffer	
113	nv\$	1	Non Invert Axis		1 - 16
110	op #	1	Output Port	Value goes to output port	0-255
120	pg #	1	Program Module Address	Factory set to 255. Program jumper must be in place for new module number to take effect.	0-255
141 - 148	ra#	1	Read input port as Analog	Two bytes returned: Code # and value	
179	rd	0	Read input port as Digital	Byte returned = value	
116	rp\$	1	Report Actual position	Servo number (a two byte position value is outputted)	1-16
117	rs\$	1	Report Actual Speed	Servo number (a single byte speed value is outputted)	1-16
245	s+	0	Servos ON	Turns on controls to servos	
246	s-	0	Servos OFF	Turns off controls to servos	
241	sa	0	Save All Defaults	Current motion values and flags are saved in EEPROM (restored after reset)	
61 - 76	sp\$ #	1	Speed,	Counts/20ms. (120 is fastest for avg. servo, 240 -high speed servo)	0-255
151-168	st\$	0	Stop	Stops motion of implied servo and clears motion & position event triggers	
122	sv\$	1	Save Position to EEPROM	Servo number	1 - 16
119	tl#	1	Event Trigger level	0 - Event Triggers are ignored 1 - Report: Send confirmation that trigger has completed or a marker seen 2 - Wait: Suspend command processing until trigger condition is satisfied. 3 - Both: suspend until and send confirmation & marker	0-3

181 - 196	tm\$	0	Trigger on motion complete	Servo number implied (sending 0,0,0 aborts)	
201 - 216	tp\$	0	Trigger on servo position	Servo number implied (sending 0,0,0 aborts)	
111	tt #	1	Trigger on Time delay	10ms / count. (sending 0,0,0 aborts)	0-255
243	wf	0	Wait Forever	Waits until code 0,0,0 is sent to controller. Immune from trigger level.	

6. Using SCEdit

The SCEdit program is a Visual Basic 3.0 program written to ease the development and testing of motion scripts for the ASC16. Currently this program will work only on Windows95/98 operating systems. The latest version is always available on our web site, www.positivelogic.net, as is the source code. Modifications and add-ons can be created to suit your specific needs. Modules of the source code are also handy for custom programs.

The SCEdit program is a motion script editor, compiler, and downloader program. Long motion scripts can be entered into the Motion Script Window, edited, saved, and loaded to/from disk. When you're ready to send the script to the ASC16, press the 'Send to controller' button. This will automatically compile the mnemonic ASCII text and numbers to numeric code that the ASC16 accepts and sends to the selected serial communications port.

When invoking SCEit, an optional command line parameter can be added to automatically open a communications port. A number 1 through 4 following the SCEdit on the command line automatically opens the associated communications port - COM1: through COM4:. If this option is not used, a serial port must be opened from within the SCEdit program by selecting one from the Settings pull-down menu box before data can be sent.

Example command line statement: **scedit 3**

Starts the SCEdit program and automatically opens com3:

You can use the SCEdit program to view and copy compiled motion scripts which can then be pasted into code for microcontrollers. To do this, or to load your motion script into the motion script text box, press the 'View Numeric Code' button. The numeric equivalent of your script will appear in the window. This code can then be copied onto the clipboard by highlighting it and pressing ctrl-c, or by selecting copy from the Edit pull-down menu box.

One-line scripts can be entered and immediately sent to the ASC16 by typing them into Out text box in the immediate window. Once ENTER is pressed at the end of the line, the line is compiled and sent to the controller via the selected serial communications port.

The terminate button immediately sends the terminate command sequence (three zeroes) to the ASC16.

The IN text box in the immediate window shows all data received from the ASC16.

The Nudge Tools, which are accessible through the Tools pull-down menu, are handy tools for manually moving the servos with slider-type scroll bars. This is great for finding ideal servo positions before coding motion scripts.